

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 1702 – HB 1895**

March 16, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires counties to permanently retain the cards used to transfer voting data from the voting machines to the county commission; allows poll watchers to remain in the room while voting results are retrieved; allows anyone with technical expertise in computer software to have read only access to inspect the hardware platform and software applications of the voting machines; and allows the State Election Commission to file tampering complaints with the FBI and conduct or order post election audits.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - \$621,000 (two times every two years)**

Assumptions:

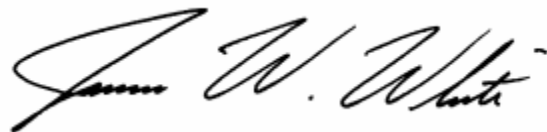
- Cards and cartridges utilized in transferring voting data from the computerized voting machines to the county election commission will be required to be maintained permanently. Currently, cartridges are reused by the counties.
- Listed below is the increase in local government expenditures to the counties to replace cards/cartridges for each election:

Diebold counties – 1,907 smart cards per election x \$155 per card = \$295,585  
MicroVote counties – 1,565 smart cards per election x \$15 per card = \$23,475  
ES&S counties – 1,927 flash cards per election x \$75 per card = \$144,525  
ESLATE counties – 1,990 MBBs per election x \$79 per unit = \$157,210  
Total cost per election is \$620,795. (This cost would be incurred at least twice every two years and with every primary and city election.)

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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